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REMARKS

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1. On 8 February 1951, the Panzer Kaserne on Jenaerstrasse, Weimar (M 51/J 57), still quartered about 200 troops wearing black-bordered red epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. very little training activity was observed there, the troops belonged to a guard unit. Passenger cars used by officers, were seen in the residential quarters opposite the Panzer Kaserne. (1)

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2. The Polizei Kaserne on Rosenthalerstrasse housed a garage with repair shop and service station. Numerous soldiers wearing coveralls were working there. Troops seen entering and leaving the installation had black-bordered red epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. The barracks installation quartered only 80 to 100 drivers of the motor vehicles stationed there. The garages were occupied to capacity by 80 to 100 passenger cars (2)

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3. The western building of the barracks installation on Am Herrenroedchen quartered German Volkspolizei, while the two eastern buildings were occupied by about 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. (3)

4. saw in the streets of Weimar soldiers who wore crimson epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. they were about 17 or 18 years old.

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5. Between 1 and 9 February 1951, the Flak Kaserne quartered about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia. Two-thirds of the soldiers were recruits. Training activity included individual training in the barracks yard and training at squad level at the drill field. A group of soldiers practicing combat in the woods were digging foxholes. Crews of eight soldiers practiced with two 76-mm AA guns in the barracks yard, while other soldiers trained with four heavy machine guns on tripod mounts. The hitherto closed gate of the northern barracks section on Ettersburger Chaussee was opened to traffic. Motor

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vehicles observed in the billeting area [redacted]

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6. The guns emplaced on Ettersberg were withdrawn, but the crew shelters and telephone wires were still there.
7. The eastern section of the Tannenberg Kaserne quartered a unit of 100 to 120 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The central section was occupied by about 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. No weapons were observed. The unit maintained a large motor pool. From 30 to 40 trucks were parked in the barracks yard at all times. Repair and maintenance work was performed by the troops. Motor vehicles seen in the central section of the Tannenberg Kaserne [redacted]

[redacted] The western barracks section quartered about 700 men of the Thuringian Landespolizei. (3)

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8. The eastern section of the Luetzendorff Kaserne quartered about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. About half of the soldiers were recruits. Troops were seen doing close-order drill in the barracks yard and training with machine guns at squad level on the drill field. [redacted]

[redacted] The central section of the installation was occupied by about 700 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. About one-third of the troops were recruits. Troops were seen drilling and practicing the laying of field wire. [redacted]

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[redacted] The western barracks section housed a hospital which was occupied to capacity. No activity was observed. Motor vehicles [redacted] were observed at the hospital. (5)

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9. The Mueller Kaserne still quartered about 400 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. The barracks gate on Leipzigstrasse was guarded by soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets and that on Duererstrasse by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Training activity included drill and signal practice. Telephone lines were still observed to converge at Boekelsberg and on Belvedereallee. Motor vehicles [redacted]

[redacted] were seen in the billeting area. (6)

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10. The Flieger Kaserne in Mohra quartered about 4,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including a few with artillery and tank insignia. Most of the troops were recruits. There was intensive training with basic infantry training predominating. A platoon-size unit was engaged in field training. A field exercise involving a large number of troops was conducted in the woods south of the barracks installation. Four 37-mm AT guns emplaced there were protected by numerous machine guns. Motor vehicles seen in the billeting area [redacted]

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Comments.

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- (1) The Panzer Kaserne is the headquarters building of the former German 1st Tank Div. [redacted] the installation quartered a guard unit of the Soviet kommandatura. The passenger cars mentioned in the present report belonged to the SCC.
- (2) [redacted] the Polizei Kaserne [redacted] housed a repair shop in November 1950. [redacted]
- (3) The barracks installation on Am Herrenroedchen is the Tannenberg Kaserne. The information [redacted] indicates no change in the occupation of the installation.

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- (4) [redacted] analysis indicate that the Flak Kaserne quarters component units of the 13th AAA Div.
- (5) [redacted] the Luetzendorff Kaserne is occupied by about one battalion of the 13th AAA Div, one signal regiment, and a hospital of the Eighth Gds Army. [redacted]
- (6) The installation is still occupied by a signal unit, possibly the 446th Sig Bn of the Eighth Gds Army.
- (7) The Flieger Kaserne still quarters component units of the 20th Gds Mecz Div, probably including the 65th Gds Mecz Regt.

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